

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0055 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0055] Platform 423 preferably is manufactured from an extremely hard, strong material, such as carbide, and has the general shape of a thin, rectangular parallelepiped. In lieu of carbide, platform 423 could be manufactured from other materials, for example, heat-treated steel, tool steel, polycrystalline diamond (PCD), carbon fiber, a ceramic, Teflon™ "polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE)," ~~teflon,~~ ~~nylon,~~ Nylon™ "polyamide (PA)" and other types of plastics. Such manufacturing materials could be selected based upon the types of materials for which platform 423 is used to grind.